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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHIEF OF CZECH VETERINARY SERVICE LADISLAV POLAK

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1. DR. LADISLAV POLAK, CHIEF OF CZECH STATE VETERINARY SERVICE, HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO UNITED STATES HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 4, AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY ASSIST IN ARRANGING PROGRAM.

2. DR. POLAK PROPOSES DEVOTE NOVEMBER 27 AND 28 TO CALLS ON USDA COUNTERPARTS IN WASHINGTON AREA. HE HAS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH STEINMETZ (APHIS FOREIGN PROGRAMS STAFF), JOHNSON (FOREIGN MARKETING BRANCH, LIVESTOCK AND MEAT PRODUCTS DIVISION, FAS),

AND SAULMON(ANIMAL HEALTH). IN ADDITION TO PERSONAL MEETINGS, DR. POLAK WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY VISIT USDA VETERINARY INSTALLATIONS IN WASHINGTON AREA. (NOTE DR. POLAK'S PARTICULAR INTEREST IS IN ANIMAL HEALTH FIELD.)

3. DURING REMAINDER HIS VISIT, DR. POLAK HOPES TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN LIVESTOCK AND BREEDING ASSOCIATIONS, PER STATE 11678. INTER ALIA, HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS INVITATIONS FOR MEETINGS EXTENDED BY W.T. BERRY OF AMERICAN HEREFORD ASSOCIATOON AND R.H. RUMLER OF HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATON. DR. POLAK ALSO INTERESTED IN OBSERVING LARGE-
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SCALE HAMPSHIRE HOG OPERATIONS AND/OR MEETING WITH INDIVIDUALS

INVOLVED IN SUCH OPERATIONS. TIME AND DISTANCE PERMITTING,
DR. POLAK WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE CATTLE OPERATONS AND MEAT PACKING
FACILITIES.

4. DR. POLAK SPEAKS CZECH, GERMAN, FRENCH, AND RUSSIAN. DURING HIS
VISIT, HOWEVER, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MIROSLAV SAROCH,
ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AT CZECHOSLOVAK COMMERCIAL MISSION IN
NEW YORK. SAROCH HAS BEEN ADVISED OF POLAK VISIT AND IS HANDLING
COORDINATION.

5. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF USDA WOULD ATTEMPT, IN
COORDINATION WITH SAROCH, TO ARRANGE SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR DR.
POLAK AND KEEP EMBASSY APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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